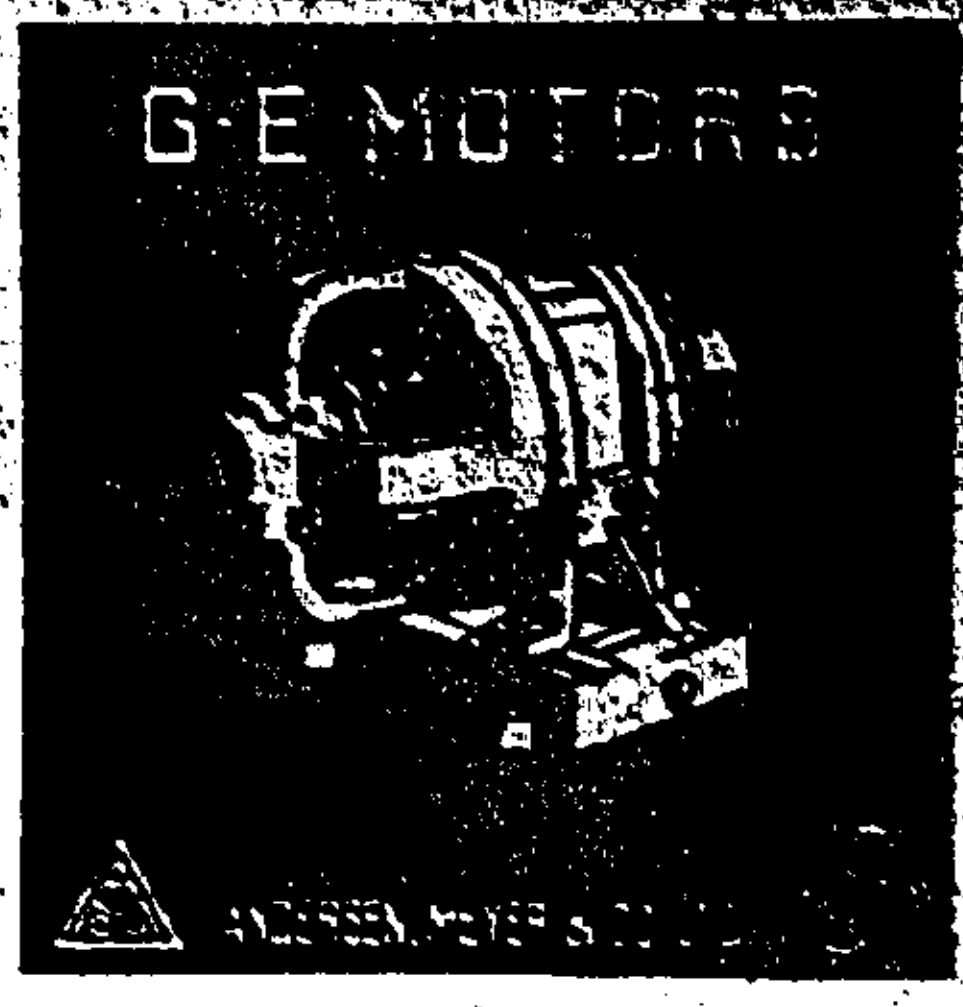




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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

A TURF ROMANCE.

CALIGULA'S ST. LEGER VICTORY.

London, September 9.
Caligula's victory in the St. Leger is another romance of the turf. The win was remarkable because he is a son of Tetrarch, whose other progeny has hitherto failed to win races exceeding a mile course, whereas St. Leger course is a mile and three-quarters. Caligula was last week-end purchased by Mathurdass Goculdas, the best-known native owner in India, at a price of £3,000. Goculdas has never seen the horse as he belongs to a sect which is forbidden to cross the ocean.

WRANGLER'S LATEST MOVE.

TO EVACUATE KUBAN REGION.

London, September 9.
Interviewed by a Russian newspaper, General Wrangel said in view of the change in the attitude of the Allied Powers and the victory of the Whites he must concentrate his forces in the north of the Province of Tanrida so as to be able to act in the direction of the west. "In consequence of this we are evacuating the Kuban region, where our troops, far from having suffered defeat, have beaten two Red Divisions, taken 9,000 prisoners, captured eight guns and increased their effective forces two and a half times."

MORE IRISH MURDERS.

SINN FEIN M. P. ARRESTED.

London, September 9.
The terrible total of policemen murdered in Ireland was increased to-day, when two were shot dead and one seriously wounded at Tullow and one shot dead at Galway railway station. The latter's companions returned the fire and killed three of the assailants. The military are active both in Dublin and Londonderry and have effected several arrests and seized a considerable number by rifles and ammunition, also seditious literature. Amongst the arrested is the Sinn Fein M. P., Mr. Callaghan, who was wounded when resisting arrest.

THE PRINTING STRIKE.

DISOBEDIENT UNION BRANCHES.

London, September 9.
In connection with the printing strike, in consequence of the Manchester and Liverpool branches repeatedly ignoring the instructions of the Executive Committee to resume normal conditions, the Typographical Association is advising the members of other branches that they may seek work in Liverpool and Manchester. So far there has not been any extension of the dispute, and the employers are withholding the lock-out notices.

THE ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE.

LEANING TOWER OF PISA ESCAPES.

London, September 9.
The area involved in the earthquake in Italy is 100 miles by 50 miles. The authorities are concentrating on helping many hundreds of wounded and housing thousands of homeless people. The famous leaning tower at Pisa almost miraculously escaped destruction. It was subjected to frightful oscillation but withstood the shocks because extensive foundation repairs have just been completed.

THE PRINCE'S HOMECOMING.

London, September 9.
The revised itinerary of the Prince of Wales shows that he is due at the West Indies on September 14, leaves Bermuda on October 3, and is due at Portsmouth on October 11.

GERMAN CHEQUE FOR FRANCE.

Berlin, September 9.
The French Ambassador has received from the German Government a cheque for 100,000 francs as reparation for the attack on the French Consulate at Breslau.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Peking, September 10.
A mandate will be proclaimed within a week or ten days at the latest to the effect that the North and South are henceforth united, and independence is abolished. Mok Wing-sun and Yang Wing-tai will remain in the posts of Tsuchun and Civil Governor in Canton respectively, whilst Sun Chun-hsun will be appointed Superintendent of all the railways in the country with headquarters at Shanghai. Admiral Lam Po-yik will be the Tsuchun and Chao King-ming the Civil Governor of Fukien. The fate of Li Han-chi, the present Tsuchun of Fukien is not known. Tong Chi-yao will be inspector of the three provinces Yunnan, Szechun and Shensi.

Shanghai, September 10.
As there are near the capital more than 20 million starving people, the 10 million dollars appropriated by the Government from foreign loans are not sufficient for their relief, and it is now intended to borrow 70 million dollars. It is said that the bank group will agree to the loan on condition that the relief work be undertaken under the supervision of the Government.

STOP PRESS TELEGRAMS.

BOLSHEVIK OFFER.

TO BUY ENGLISH NEWSPAPER.

London, September 10.
As regards the recent wireless disclosures concerning the Bolsheviks financing the Daily Herald, which were immediately denied, the Daily Herald now admits that one of its Directors, Mr. Meynell, has been offered and has accepted £75,000 from Russia and that a meeting of shareholders has been called to consider whether the paper should accept it. The Herald asks its readers whether the money should be accepted, and adds that the offer is a magnificent demonstration of real working-class solidarity, and its acceptance would complete a notable episode in International Socialism. The Herald further points out that increasing costs of production and the political shyness of advertisers will make it necessary to double the price of the Herald without this Russian gold.

THE STARVING LORD MAYOR.

SUDDENLY BECOMES WEAKER.

London, September 9.
It is stated that the Mayor of Cork has suddenly weakened and is in continuous pain. The doctor declares that only his extraordinary vitality is keeping him alive. Visitors are forbidden to converse with the patient.

Mr. Lloyd George yesterday, in an interview, declared that unconditional release was impossible. The Government held proof that the so-called Republican Army, and in particular the Brigade of which Mr. McSwiney was Brigadier, was actively concerned in Police murders, eighty Police having been done to death.

Meanwhile, Sinn Fein has not replied to Mr. Lloyd George's offer of release conditional on the murders ceasing. The Premier has pointed out that the Cabinet is faced with two alternatives in its Irish policy—either handing over the south to the Republican Army and leaving Ulster men to fight without intervention, or to protect the men who are defending the flag.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

M. PAINLEVE.

LEAVES SHANGHAI FOR HOME.

Shanghai, September 11.
M. Painleve, who has been advising the Chinese Government about railroads and has been continuously feted, is sailing to-day for Marseilles on the Andre Lebon.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

STRAITS RICE CONTROL.

Singapore, September 10.
The Government has reduced the maximum price of rice from \$1.25 to \$1 per gantang. Other restrictions are also removed, but a measure of control is retained.

STRAITS VICTORY LOAN.

Singapore, September 10.
The Victory Loan has closed at \$15,000,000.

RUBBER AGAIN WEAKER.

Singapore, September 10.
Rubber is again weaker. Large amounts have been withdrawn.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

STRAITS PATRIOTISM.

London, Sept. 8.
A Treasury minute with regard to a proposal from the Board of the Straits Settlements to make a further war contribution of one million sterling in respect of the year 1920 and, if revenue permits, to continue the same contribution yearly, including the military contribution, states that the Chancellor of the Exchequer proposes, after allowance is made for the defence contribution payable to Army funds, that the balance of the amount received by the Treasury be paid to the National Debt Commissioners for cancellation of the War Debt. The Lords of the Treasury again record their warm appreciation of this further patriotic gift.

NEW FRENCH LOAN.

New York, Sept. 8.
The new hundred million dollar French loan mentioned yesterday will run for twenty-five years with interest at eight per cent. It will take the form of gold bonds and be a direct loan on the French Government. France agrees to pay a minimum of four million four hundred thousand dollars annually for the first five years towards the purchase of the bonds and to subsequently redeem them by lot at one hundred and ten.

THE UNIVERSITY.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL EXPENDITURE.

ALSO TO CONTRIBUTE \$1,000,000 TO ENDOWMENT FUND.

AND MEET \$570,000 IN DEBTS.

The following appears in the Government Gazette:—
With reference to Government Notification No. 457 of the 3rd September, 1920, concerning the preliminary report of the University Commission, the Government is now in a position to announce the intended measures for dealing with the financial situation already published.

The Commission recommends that the Government should assume financial responsibility to an extent sufficient to carry on the work of the University efficiently; and proposes that the Government should contribute not less than \$1,000,000 to the Endowment Fund, as well as largely increasing its present yearly grant of \$20,000. The Commission is of opinion that reorganisation is required to secure the proper management and effective control of the University's affairs; and particularly that, as concerns money matters, a strong Finance Committee should be appointed, consisting of (say) the Colonial Treasurer, the Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, and a representative of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, sitting with the Vice-Chancellor. Such matters as curriculum must of course be dealt with by the Vice-Chancellor and the academic machinery of the University.

The Government agrees with these recommendations.

Subject accordingly to the approval of the Legislative Council, it has been decided that the Government shall meet the existing indebtedness of about \$500,000, in respect of the bank overdraft, and about \$70,000 in respect of the deficit on Sinking Fund; that it shall provide the proposed sum of \$1,000,000 for the Endowment Fund, instead of the smaller amount of \$250,000 which was before provisionally promised; and that it shall increase its yearly grant with the intention that the University shall not only be freed from all present debts and have its past endowment restored intact, but shall also be assured of an adequate income for the future. The Government will consequently require a power of final control over expenditure; and, at least during the period of reorganisation, will be compelled to exercise a certain amount of general supervision.

It is the hope and expectation of the Government, in thus guaranteeing the maintenance of the University, that it will encourage contributions from other sources, especially for further expansions now unprovided for.

And the Commission points out that one of the most useful ways in which benefactors can help is by the gift of special endowments for professorships; only two of which have hitherto been supported—the Taikoo Chair of Engineering and the Ho Tung Chair of Surgery. These endowments are urgently needed to enable the University to fulfil completely the functions which it is its purpose to perform.

PIANO WHICH FAMOUS MUSICIANS AUTOGRAPHED.

At Christie's recently the late Sir Lawrence Alma-Tadema's famous grand piano was sold for 420 guineas. The piano, made by Broadwood, is of oak, with ivory decorations. Inside the lid are vellum panels, signed by famous musicians—Tchaikowsky, Clara Schumann, Paderewski, Melba and others. It was decided to sell the piano separately, and this resulted in 120 guineas. The seat is of oak, and on the back Sir Alma-Tadema had painted several famous figures, represented as listening to C. Schumann.

GOOD NEWS FOR HOME-GOERS.

BLUE FUNNEL LINER COMING EAST.

Hongkong people going Home on leave next year will be interested to hear that there is every probability of one of the magnificent Blue Funnel Australian passenger liners being available in the early part of 1921. This vessel is the s.s. Anchises, of 10,045 tons, and she is expected to leave Hongkong for London sometime during February next. We hear that bookings are already being made by this boat.

There will shortly be in port from Shanghai the s.s. Achilles, a new Blue Funnel boat, which has just completed her maiden trip to the East. She is due to leave here for London on the 14th instant. Of 11,425 tons, she is the biggest Blue Funnel boat that has so far been in Hongkong.

EXCHANGE CONTRACT CASE.

LOCAL BANK'S BIG CLAIM.

Judgment for \$9,429.85 was given this morning in favour of the Banque Industrielle de Chine by the Acting Chief Justice (Mr. Justice Gompertz).

The case arose out of an exchange contract made between the Bank and a Chinese merchant named Kin Cheong-chan, of 26, Des Voeux Road West, the Bank claiming damages for breach of contract. The contract was entered into on March 23rd whereby the defendant agreed to deliver to the plaintiffs £10,000 sterling on exchange delivery at 5s. 13/8d., the delivery to be made by May 31st. The defendant failed to deliver and the Bank suffered damages to the extent of \$9,429.85.

When the case came on this morning Mr. W. Drummond (instructed by Messrs. Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston) represented the Bank and the defendant was neither present nor represented.

Mr. Drummond explained the claim to his Lordship, who gave judgment as stated above, together with costs.

CHARTERED BANK.

14 PER CENT. DIVIDEND.

The local branch of the Chartered Bank has received the following telegram from its London Office:—

"The Directors of the Chartered Bank of L. A. and China have declared an Interim Dividend for the past half year at the rate of 14 per cent. per annum free of Income Tax."

DAY BY DAY.

Mr. Kirby, of the China Coast Officers' Guild, is again in Hongkong.

Messrs. Wiseman, Ltd., have declared a dividend of \$4.00 per share and placed \$3,000 to Reserve fund.

In a hard-fought match last evening at the V.R.C. baths, the R.G.A. suffered defeat at the hands of the H.M.B. Ambrose by three goals to one.

It is proposed to lease for reclamation purposes further portions of the foreshore and sea bed at Leichikok—namely, New Kowloon Marine Lot No. 8, which has an area of about 514,150 square feet. The annual rental is \$4,425 and the upset premium \$51,415. The lease will run for 75 years from 1st July, 1924, renewable for a further term of 24 years less three days at a re-estimated Crown Rent. The amounts of the premium and Crown Rent are subject to re-adjustment when the reclamation has been completed in accordance with the area actually reclaimed.

STOWAWAYS.

CANADIANS AND AMERICANS IN COURT.

Harry Walker, 17; William Williamson, 18; Charles W. Kurier, 17; Jack Williams, 22; Frank Simmons, 25; and Joe Wells, 20; were charged before Mr. R. O. Hutchison this morning with being stowaways on the Admiral Line Wawalone which arrived here yesterday afternoon from Manila.

The accused had nothing to say in reply to the charge. Williamson told the Magistrate that he was looking out for an opportunity of going to Java.

The prosecuting Police Officer stated that two of the accused were Canadians, the others being Americans.

The accused were referred to the American Consul, and he asked that the Court deal with them before he sent them back to Manila.

His Worship said that the accused had stowed away at Manila and that was the last place where they wanted to go to. The Police Officer replied that the Consul did not know where to send them.

An officer from the Wawalone told the Court that the accused stowed themselves away and kept themselves concealed until the ship had left Manila. Then one of the accused gave himself up in the afternoon, and the others followed his example the following morning.

The accused made a statement that they could not obtain employment in Manila, and were forced to stow away to seek employment elsewhere. Remarkable that it was a serious matter to go on board the vessel without the permission of the officers, the Magistrate inflicted a fine of \$25 or one month's hard labour each, on the accused.

In the case of Frank Minor, a Canadian who stowed away on the Taisang, it was stated that he came from Manila where quite a large number of young fellows like the accused were unable to obtain employment.

The accused said that "he was figuring to go to Australia from here." He had found it a difficult matter to do so at Manila, and heard that by getting to the China coast he had more chances of getting to his destination.

"But you went on board without your passage," the Magistrate pointed out.

"That's because I have not the money to pay for a passage," replied Minor.

"You were trying to go to Australia?"—"Yes, sir."

Accused also said that he hailed from "Seattle, U.S.A."

"Have you got any money?" his Worship asked.

"I have \$27."

"Why did you not pay for your passage?"

"This money was given me by the officers of the ship as I went ashore this morning."

Accused was fined \$25, or one month's hard labour.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 4s 2 3/4 d.

DON'T FORGET

TO-DAY.

K. C. C. Open-air Concert—9 p.m.
Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.
Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15 and 9.15 p.m.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20.
Wawalone Ltd.—Annual Shareholders' Meeting—12.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.
Daily News—Lee Wah, Com. General Co.—Shareholders' Meeting.

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THE SCOT AS HUMORIST.

A DISTINCTION WITH
A DIFFERENCE.

One encounters occasionally still the type of Englishman who thinks that no good thing can come out of Scotland. He is not, however, to be considered too seriously, for in nothing but his Anglo-mania and the absence of aitch is he at all remarkable. Particularly will he anathematise Scottish humour, and with gusto will assure you, as if it were a new and happy thought of his own, that a surgical operation is necessary to get a joke into a Scotsman's head. We have heard that so often now; but, so harmlessly does this shaft glance off our hidebound Scottish vanity that it is surprising that any self-respecting Englishman makes use of it. Yet that old gibe of Sydney Smith's still flourishes, for I chanced quite recently upon its resurrected corpse. The counter-thrust of a crusty Scot gave me a malicious, pleasurable thrill. "Ay, an' to mak' an Englishman understand a joke, ye maun first gie him a head."

To accuse a man of a lack of a sense of humour is to offer him the deadliest insult, but to charge a nation with that lack is sheerly to grovel to the groundlings, and to court an easy popularity or a cheap notoriety through exaggeration.

"Scotland, that knuckle-end of England, that land of Calvin, outtakes and sulphur," said Sydney Smith; and the fallacy no doubt originated in the Englishman's common conception of a Scotsman as either a canting Calvinist or a carrot-pated criminal in kilts. That type of Englishman is firmly convinced that one half of the Scottish nation spend their days in church, chanting—
"My soul is like a rusty lock
Oh, ile it with Thy grace";
and that the other half are in England, in the pick of English posts, rifling English pockets.

WIT AND HUMOUR UNDEFINED
But I take it that the popular indictment of Scottish humour is partly due to the common misconception of what humour is. It is often taken as synonymous with wit. Both wit and humour, like art, poetry, and love, are quite indefinable. But humour is the more elusive of the two. There are national types of wit, an English wit, a French wit, a German wit, an Irish wit, and—yes—a Scottish wit, for

"Manners, with fortunes, humours turn with climates."

But humour is something universal, the curious and blessed gift that man has, all the world over, of discerning the incongruous in most things. Wit is related to the superficial, but humour dwells deep down in the inmost heart of us. Wit may be caustic; humour is kindly. Wit is the accompaniment of comedy and draws forth the loud guffaw of the top gallery of the music halls. But humour is not divorced from tragedy, and its laughter may be very close to tears. And Scotsmen, no less than others, have been blessed with that good gift of being able to laugh through tears, and to see the "funny side" of things. Indeed, it is a merciful provision of Providence that it is so, for, when a Scotsman doesn't flourish (and Scotland is not a land to flourish in, with neither a kindly climate nor a kindly soil), he can tighten his belt all the more comfortably, with—lacking more substantial things—a sense of humour to sustain him.

Scottish "wit" is not English wit, but a sense of humour is the same in kind all the world over. Scottish wit, of both the deliberate and accidental kind, consists very largely in a certain dry way of saying something so simple and obvious that it is least expected.

"Does it always rain in this abominable country?" asked an indignant tourist. "Na," was the reply, "it sometimes snays." Another gentleman, in the midst of a downpour, on observing sarcastically, "Fine weather!" was answered doubtfully, "Well, I was thinking it was rather dampish." There is a story of a Scottish lady too, who was afraid to cross a certain ferry on a stormy day, and preferred going by the bridge. Her friends suggested "Trust in the Lord," to which she replied, "I'll na trust in the Lord so long as there's a brig in the country." In stagecoach days, the advertisements of a Scottish stagecoach bore the singular announcement that it would always start on Mondays. "The Lord permitting," and the weather being favourable, "but that, failing to do so, it would go on Tuesday" whether or not.

AN AMERICAN OPINION.

Stephen Leacock, the foremost American humorist of the present time, is of the opinion that all Scottish wit and humour is a little edged and cruel. Just how he can reconcile, with the opinion, Sir James M. Barrie, I do not know, for surely he is the most gentle, the most "gentle" Charles Lamb himself. But, to bear out his statement he tells us the story of a Scotsman who had a sister-in-law, his wife's sister, with whom he could never agree. He objected to going anywhere with her, and in spite of his wife's entreaties always refused to do so. The wife was taken mortally ill, and as she lay dying she whispered, "John, ye'll drive Janet with you to the funeral, will ye no?" The Scotsman, after an internal struggle, answered—"Margaret, I'll do it for ye, but it'll spoil my day." But this is not typical of Scottish wit, and we cannot accept Mr. Stephen Leacock's indictment without question.

The very terseness and scintillating spark with which one can express oneself in French, that tongue of polished steel, constitutes in itself a peculiarly French wit; grotesque hyperbole is typical of American humour; redundancy of metaphor, richness of phraseology and illustration, a peculiarly Irish; a quaint, wry, dry, naive seems to be the special characteristic of Scottish wit and humour. A Scotsman would never address his audience as once did a Poor-Law guardian in the North of Ireland—"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the Board, the eyes of Europe are upon us—the apple of discord has been flung in our midst, and if it be not nipped in the bud will burst into a conflagration which will deluge the world!"

The Irishman suffers from a constitutional inability not to mix his metaphors. It is a delusion to suppose that "bulls" are a characteristically Irish form of wit. Perhaps the best "bull" of all has been uttered by a Capuchin monk, who called upon his congregation to be especially thankful that Providence should have placed death at the end of life and not in the middle, so that we "might have all possible time to prepare for it!"

IS THE SCOT LACKING IN TACT?

The Scotsman is a less sociable animal than the Frenchman, and he lacks, it must be admitted, that ready tact which prompted the Duc de Richelieu to cover gracefully the clumsiness of a guest. The Duke was showing guests a collection of jewellery, among which were two valuable watches. One unfortunate young man dropped the watches accidentally on the floor. The Duke, with a ready tact, hastened to relieve him of mortification by saying laughingly—"Ah, sir, you are more skilled than my watchmaker. He never succeeded in making them go together."

mongers, street-sweepers, and city-arabs of London. When an old country clergyman begged piteously and with infinite mildness, of a conductor of an omnibus to "make haste and save his appointment in the Strand," the conductor shouted to the driver, "Go on, Bill! Here's a ole cove a-cussin' and a-swearin' like anythink." But our new taxi-drivers can be quite funny, at times—when you offer them their legal fare.

"Nothing comes amiss to your true wit," said Falstaff, and I think the war has proved it. Captain Bruce Bairnsfather, Ian Hay, Bartimeus, Taffrail, Neil Lyons, and a host of others have extracted drollery from situations unprecedented in horror and hardship. The humorists truly have helped to win the war, and Scotsmen are numbered in brave array among them.

BRED ON "HALESOME PARRITCH."

When that old gibe of Sydney Smith's about a surgical operation and a Scotsman's head, turns up again, as it assuredly will, I am going to retaliate with the delightful story which is related by Angus McNeill in *The Egregious English*, a book which is in the nature of a retort provoked, it will be remembered, by Mr. Grosland's "The Unspeakable Scot." A King of Portugal who visited England was asked on his departure what had struck him most upon his visit in England. He replied, "The roast beef." This answer somehow disconcerted his interlocutor, who, however, asked again, hopefully, "and what after that?" The reply was laconically brief, but neatly expressive of *multum in parvo*. The king, with unflinching solemnity replied, "What then? Why, the boiled beef!"

And what says Shakespeare of the beef-eater? "I am a great eater of beef, and I believe that does harm to my wit." Thus Sir Andrew Aguecheek, in the "Twelfth Night." Rather than come to the unhappy condition of Sir Andrew, let Scotsmen stick to their "halesome parritch, chief of Scotia's food." It will not do harm to the wit! It has bred Sir Walter Scott and Dean Ramsay and Lord John Russell and Professor Blackie, and many a pawky Scottish humorist. It has taken Scotsmen over the top, with a jest on their lips. It gave us Robert Louis Stevenson and Sir James M. Barrie. The joys of a warmer climate is not ours, but the Scotsman has a faculty of enjoyment which is no whit less appreciative of all that gives good cheer; and the sauce piquante of a joke is as necessary to him as his "parritch."

And the fact that seventy-five per cent. of the jokes accepted by the Editor of *Punch* come from Scotsmen is surely sufficient testimony that Scotland, in spite of gibes, is not a jokeless Sahara.—M.M. in the *Weekly Scotsman*.

LORD PIRRIE AND THE
MOTOR SHIP.

Lord Pirrie, in an interview published in this month's *Motor Ship*, states that he sees no limitation to the size of motor ships. His firm, Harland & Wolff, have built engines of 3000 h.p., but drawings are prepared for larger sizes that will come in due course. Lord Pirrie is of opinion that there is no longer any question whatever concerning the reliability and suitability of the Diesel engine for marine propulsion. Harland & Wolff's oil engine works, which are now very large, will, it is stated, be doubled within the course of the next two years. Lord Pirrie believes that there will be no shortage of oil fuel in the future, provided it is used economically and not wastefully, and considers that the position will improve when more oil tankers have been built.

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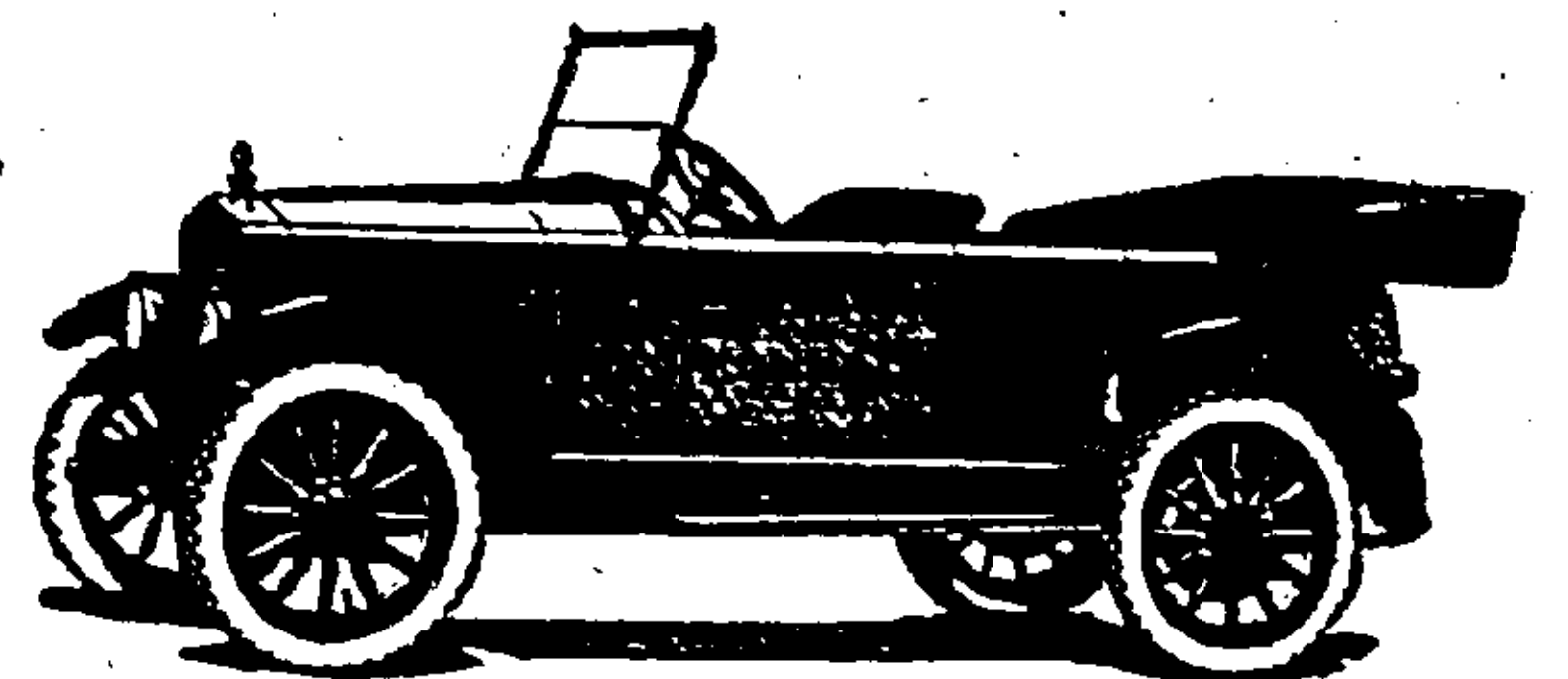
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NOTICE is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of The Canton Insurance Office Limited will be held at the Office of Messieurs Jardine Matheson & Co., Limited the General Agents of the Company at No. 15 Pedder Street Victoria Hongkong on TUESDAY the 1st day of SEPTEMBER 1920 at 10 o'clock noon when the subjoined Resolution will be proposed as an Extraordinary Resolution viz:—

"That the New Articles contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved, and that such new Articles be, and they are hereby adopted as the Articles of the Company in substitution for, and to the exclusion of, all the existing Articles thereof."

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a further Extraordinary General Meeting and such Meeting will be held on THURSDAY the 7th day of OCTOBER 1920 at the same time and place for the purpose of considering and if thought fit confirming such Resolution as a Special Resolution accordingly.

Copies of the proposed New Articles and of the present Articles may be seen at the Offices of the General Agents or at the Offices of Messieurs Deacon, Looker, Deacon and Harston the Company's Solicitors at No. 1 Des Vœux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

Dated this 17th day of August 1920.
JARDINE MATHESON & CO. LTD
General Agents.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS.

A Meeting of Officers and N. C. O.s will be held at Headquarters on Monday, 13th instant at 6.15 p.m.

All Officers and N. C. O.s are requested to attend.

G. F. E. RAPSON, Bt-Major
Adjutant, H. V. D. Corps
Hongkong, 7th September, 1920.

NOTICE.

We have this day established ourselves as Consulting Engineers and Surveyors.

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LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HON FAY, a Chinese graduate, resident in Hongkong, has been a lecturer in European languages and literature in the University of Hongkong. He has a good knowledge of the Chinese language and is a native speaker of English. He has also a good knowledge of the Chinese language and is a native speaker of English.

NOTICE.

The interest and responsibility of the undersigned in the business hitherto carried on at No. 34, Queen's Road Central under the name of A. Abdoolrahim as Architect, Surveyor and Civil Engineer, ceases as from the 8th day of September, 1920.

Hongkong, 8th day of September, 1920.
A. ABDOLRAHIM.

NOTICE.

102 bundles plain Galvanized Wire
Marks: E. J. - Consignees Knapp & Baxter
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The above-mentioned cargo having arrived by the s.s. "M. S. Dollar" on August 18, 1920, and remaining unclaimed, consignees of same are hereby notified that it is being stored at their risk and for their account in the hazardous and/or extra hazardous godowns of the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Limited, and the undersigned reserve the right to sell same by Public Auction to defray all charges should it not be claimed within a reasonable length of time.

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Hongkong, 11th September, 1920.
THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.,
Agents.

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Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 13th day of September, 1920, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Bowen Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.									
No. of Lot.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Area in Acres, Roods, and Perches.	Annual Rent.	Capital Value.	Improvements.	Remarks.	Notes.
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Hongkong, September 7th, 1920.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF VALUABLE LEASEHOLD PROPERTY

Situate at Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong to be sold in pursuance of an Order of the Supreme Court of Hongkong made in Action No. 99 of 1920 Original Jurisdiction Between The Bank of Canton Limited Plaintiffs and Samuel Ebenezer Green trading as Banker & Co. Defendant

on Monday, the 27th day of September, 1920, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon by

MESSRS LAMMERT BROS. Auctioneers.

at their Auction Rooms, Duddell Street, Victoria, Hongkong. The property consists of—ALL THAT piece or parcel of ground situate in the Dependency of Kowloon and Colony of Hongkong and known and registered in the Land Office as Section H of Kowloon Inland Lot No. 416 together with the messuage erected thereon known as No. 15 Hankow Road, Kowloon. Term 75 years from 24th June 1892 created by a Crown Lease dated the 11th November 1892 Proportion of Annual Crown rent \$20.12. Area 3,594 Square feet.

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Hongkong, 9th September, 1920.

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The business hitherto carried on by Mr. A. Abdoolrahim as an Architect, Surveyor and Civil Engineer at No. 34 Queen's Road Central will as from to-day be carried on under the style of Abdoolrahim & Co., by the undersigned at the same address.

Hongkong, 8th day of September, 1920.
JOHN MORAYE, WILLIAM HALL.

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WANTED.—Godown on Hongkong side, preferably located in Kennedy Town, to accommodate about 3,000 to 4,000 tons merchandise. Anyone interested in the leasing of such godown kindly reply to Box 434 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph," giving full particulars regarding length of lease, rental, location, etc.

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NOTICE.

From the 1st September Mr. L. Gain has been appointed manager of the firm in Hongkong to replace Mr. Gaujoir, former manager, leaving Hongkong for the Head Office in Tientsin.

R. GAUJOIR General Manager Brossard Mopin & Co.

NOTICE.

THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Fifty cents per share has been declared for the half-year ending 30th June, 1920.

Such Interim Dividend will be payable on and after FRIDAY, 17th September, 1920 at the Offices of the Company, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants. The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be closed from 5th to 16th September, 1920 (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers.

NOTICE.

KOWLOON CRICKET CLUB.

A Grand Illuminated Promenade Concert will be held in the grounds of the K.C.C. on Saturday, September 11th, at 9 p.m. The Full Band of the Wiltshire Regiment will perform (by kind permission of Lieut-Col. Wyndham and Officers), and several well-known local artists will appear. Admission \$1.00.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD

An Interim Dividend of \$5 per share has been declared for the half-year ending 30th June 1920. Such interim dividend will be payable on and after Tuesday, 14th September 1920 at the Offices of the Company, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed from 7th to 14th September 1920 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered. By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. H. TAGGART, Manager. Hongkong, 31st August, 1920.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

Re-opens September 13th. Entrance Examination System for 1921.

THE SCOTTISH SECRETARY.

A DESIRE OF SCOTTISH PEOPLE.

In the City Chambers, Edinburgh, recently, Lord Provost Wetherston, Perth, presided over a gathering representative of Local Authorities and other interests in Scotland supporting the proposal to raise the status of the Secretary for Scotland to that of a Secretary of State.

Mr. D. Robertson, Deputy Town-Clerk of Edinburgh, said that invitations had been sent to 40 public bodies, including the larger burghs, County Councils, of Commerce and Agriculture.

Lord Provost Wetherston said the raising of the status of the Scottish Secretary was only what was due to Scotland. He did not think they would have long to wait till their wishes were consummated. It would result in very great benefit to Scotland. (Applause.)

ENGLISH OFFICIALS' ATTITUDE. A resolution representing to the Prime Minister the desire and expectation of the people of Scotland that the Scottish Secretary should become a Secretary of State was submitted by Professor Sir Richard Lodge.

It is notorious to anybody who has had experience of administration in Scotland, said Sir Richard, that officials in England have an inadequate knowledge and very often an inadequate perception of Scottish interests. Some of them seemed almost to forget that such a kingdom existed at all. (Hear, hear.)

The Secretary for Scotland was really five or six Ministers rolled in one. Scotland required a man of great powers, ability, and industry. They had such a man now—(hear, hear)—and Scotland would not be loyal to a man who so efficiently represented her if she allowed him to continue in the subordinate position in which he has now.

Sir Robert Usher seconded. The resolution was unanimously passed.

FAMOUS V.C. COLONEL DIVORCED.

Mrs. Nelly Elizabeth Crawford Sherwood-Kelly was recently granted a divorce on the ground of the misconduct and desertion of her husband, Colonel John Sherwood-Kelly, V.C. The marriage took place in April 1915, and the petitioner gave evidence that it was unhappy almost from the first.

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 "PELEUS" 19th October Genoa, M'les, L'pool & Glasgow

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 "TEUCER" 20th October
 "IXION" 12th Nov.

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From SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS via SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU & JAPAN PORTS. The above named Steamer having arrived, on Friday, Sept. 10th 1920, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignee's risk. Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after 17th Sept., 1920. All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where same will be examined on September 18th at 10 a.m. No Claims will be recognised after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI, Manager.

Hongkong, 10th September, 1920.

MIXED BATHING.

GOUROCK LEADS THE WAY ON CLYDE.

Inquiries at West of Scotland coast places bear out the view that the question of mixed bathing is either accepted as an institution, or is more or less overlooked.

Gourock, which claims the honour of being the pioneer of mixed bathing on the Clyde, has never heard the voice of protest raised against this feature of its communal life.

Huge crowds at present watch the bathers daily at the municipal pond adjoining the esplanade, and although the water is rather cold for July, the ladies are in majority.

At Rothessay the question of mixed bathing has not yet arisen. Possibly this is due to the fact that the gentlemen's and the ladies bathing places on the West Bay are placed alongside of each other, and that occasional friendly raids are made into one another's territory without objection from any captious critic.

Bathing goes on all day long without any trouble, or friction. Family parties bathing together are occasionally to be seen.

The custom has not yet been introduced at Dunoon. Those in authority and position in the town, it is well known, look upon it with an unfriendly eye, and have never spoken favourably of it.

THE DECREASING COAL OUTPUT.

EXPLANATION BY A MINERS' LEADER.

Undoubtedly one of the most disappointing features of the coal industry is the decreasing output, says a mining correspondent of a Home paper. When the Prime Minister met representatives of the miners in the closing days of March he emphasised the necessity for an increased output, and having intimated a minimum increase of 2s. per day to adults who were paid fixed wages, and a percentage advance to pieceworkers, he made a powerful appeal to miners' leaders to use their influence with the miners to increase the working time in districts where only ten days a fortnight were worked.

Nothing has been done in the direction suggested, and the Government's weekly returns of the past two months have been such as to cause great anxiety among coalowners and merchants. For the week ending April 24 the output was 4,989,650 tons. This was the largest output of any week since the inauguration of the seven hours' day. In the following week, however, there was a drop of nearly half a million tons; and in no week since has the output come near to that of April 24. For the week ending July 12 the total was only 4,176,328 tons. The average weekly output for 1913 was 5,520,000, and in the pre-war year nearly 80,000 fewer persons were employed in and about the mines of the country than there are to-day.

THE OUTCOME OF CLASS WAR.

If Mr. Vernon Hartshorn, M.P., one of the miners' leaders, is to be accepted as an authority, the reduced output is a symptom of the "class war" which has been waged. Writing in a South Wales newspaper, Mr. Hartshorn states that so long as there was hope of nationalisation the miners' leaders "used their influence in urging the men to produce more coal," and he added that "if nationalisation is brought into existence that influence will be used again to the full and maintained. But as long as the Coalition Government are determined upon a class war, then a class war let it be."

Under the Coalition Government miners' wages have been raised by 150 per cent., and the working time has been reduced by one hour per day. Speaking in the House of Commons recently, Sir Robert Horne said: "The coalowner to-day gets no excess profits, because he is limited to the profit he got upon his standard before the war. If we are to judge by this remark made by the President of the Board of Trade it looks, if a 'class war' has been going on, as if victory had rested entirely with Mr. Hartshorn and his friends."

Mr. Hartshorn has let the cat out of the bag. Despite the appeal of the Prime Minister, the miners' leaders have done nothing to induce the miners to make an effort to increase the coal output; and in place of increased production propaganda it appears that a "class war" is to be carried on as long as nationalisation is refused.

A GENERAL MANAGER'S VIEWS.

Asked his views on the situation, the general manager of an East of Scotland colliery said that the output of the past few weeks was disappointing in the extreme, and did not hold out bright prospects for the winter. The advance in wages conceded three months ago to the miners had added 2s. 10d. to the tons of coals to consumers, and a claim had been lodged for another

increase, which meant 2s. 9d. more. Instead of being a "class war," as Mr. Hartshorn alleged, it looked as if the miners' leaders were waging war against the coal consumer.

Asked how he accounted for the alarming decrease in the output, the general manager said that the output per person employed had fallen by from 20 per cent. to 25 per cent. since 1913. Fifty per cent. of the decrease might be attributed to the seven hours' day which began on July 16, 1919. It was not a difficult matter to account for the other 50 per cent. decrease. From time immemorial the output had fluctuated according to the trade conditions.

In time of high wages the output per man employed had always fallen. At every colliery there is a proportion of men who are content to earn a bare living, and their output is regulated by the ton price. At present matters are accentuated by the war and the Sankey wages. The war wage of 3s. a day is paid, although labour should be suspended by an accident to machinery or from scarcity of waggons, while the Sankey wage is paid whatever the output might be. This means that men start in the morning with 5s. to their credit for the day. A minimum output should have been enforced in connection with both bonuses.

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HINDOO RIOT.

A LIVERPOOL FIGHT.

Revolver fighting by Hindoos in Soho-street, Liverpool, has resulted in the death of one man and injuries to four others.

In the police court, four young Hindoos were charged with the wilful murder of Thomas Daniels and the attempted murder of another Hindoo, Ali Shaw.

It was stated that the four prisoners, who were Hindoo seamen, were discharged from their ship, and that on getting to Soho-street they had an altercation over money. Revolvers were produced and shots exchanged.

All the prisoners denied the charge.

Following the riot the police found two revolvers lying in the street, also live and spent cartridges.

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GREATER EDINBURGH.

FORMER DECISIONS REAFFIRMED.

Edinburgh Boundaries Extension and Tramways Bill was reconsidered recently by Sir Park Goff's Committee in accordance with the instruction of the House of Commons that they should have regard to the findings of the Joint Committee of both Houses of Parliament in the case of the Birkenhead Extension Bill.

After half an hour's consultation in private, following the hearing of pleas of opposing counsel, the Committee recalled the parties, and the Chairman announced the decision as follows: "The Committee desire to say that the decision of the Joint Committee appears to have been intended as an intimation to the Department to guide them on the question of the introduction of Bills confirming Provisional Orders, rather than as a direction to Committees of Parliament. It does not introduce any new standard for the decision of such cases as Birkenhead and Edinburgh. The issue, as stated in the decision of the Joint Committee, was the very issue presented in terms by both sides in the Edinburgh case, and it was that issue to which the Committee directed their attention on the hearing, and they reconsidered it after again hearing counsel."

The Committee, after hearing and carefully considering the arguments presented to them, are unanimously of opinion that there is no analogy at all between the Edinburgh and Birkenhead cases, and that there were in this case such special considerations of the public advantage which will result in the incorporation of Leith as to make it, in their opinion, desirable and advantageous in the public interest that the incorporation should take place."

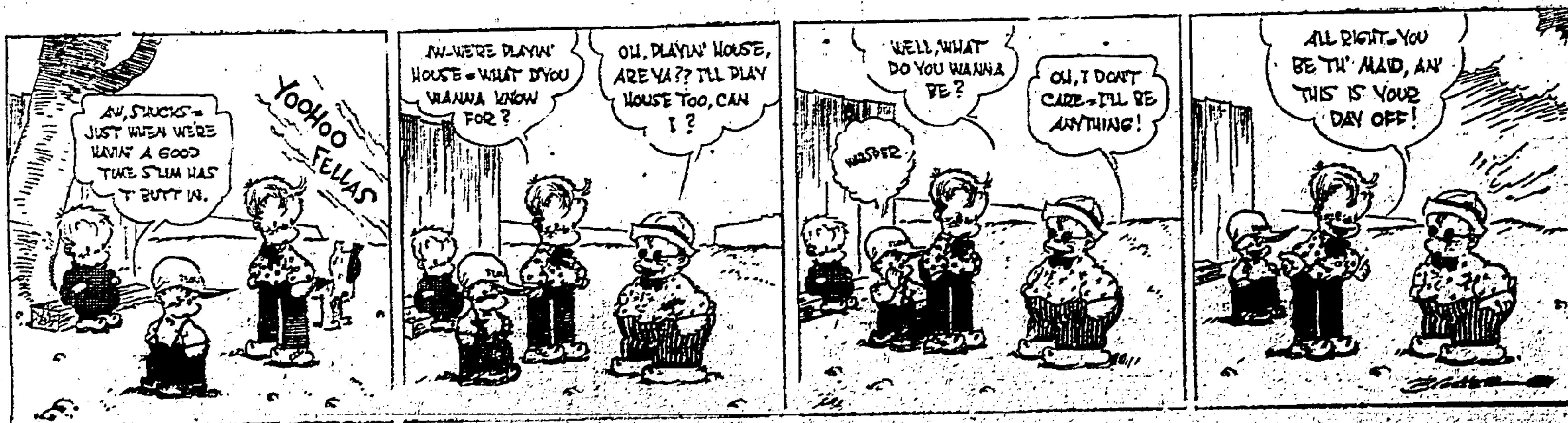
THE OPIUM QUESTION.

The Edinburgh Anti-Opium Committee have passed the following resolution, and sent copies to the Prime Minister and the various heads of departments concerned: "The Committee thank the Government for the prompt introduction of the Dangerous Drugs Bill, and trust that facilities will be given for its speedy becoming law; they, however, desiderate in it a more definite restriction of both 'raw opium' and morphine, and cocaine to medical requirements, which they believe to be the intention of the Hague Articles, when taken as a whole; they also trust that the provisions of the Bill will be extended to India and other Eastern Dependencies, according to the terms of the Declaration of the British signatories at the Hague, which says: 'The Articles of the present Convention shall apply to British India, Ceylon, the Straits Settlements, Hong-Kong, and Wei-hai-wei, in every respect in the same way as they shall apply to the United Kingdom and Ireland.'"

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1920.

TRADE UNION DEMANDS.

Whether the Old Country is to be plunged into the throes of a great industrial strike in consequence of the demands of the miners is a question, the answer to which is being awaited with the greatest anxiety by Britons the world over. It is clear that in the present unsettled conditions such a development would amount to a disastrous calamity, and what is more, it might easily lead to an upheaval the consequences of which would threaten the whole structure of government. There is some ground for hope in the fact that the miners' leaders are now in touch with the Government, and that the latter desires to treat the issue quite fairly is evident from Sir Robert Horne's statement that the Cabinet will gladly let the Industrial Court decide concerning the demands for increased wages, the Court, if the miners so desire, to include representatives of the employers and the workers as well. Whether the Miners' Federation will agree to submit the matter to the Industrial Court, however, is doubtful, especially in view of the fact that considerable dissatisfaction was caused in labour circles some time back when the Court decided that no case had been made out for a further increase of wages in the engineering and shipbuilding trade. When that decision was made known the opinion was freely expressed in labour quarters that the Industrial Court method should be thrown over and a reversion made to the older practice of dealing direct with employers.

It seems to us that in all these constantly-recurring labour disputes the problem which employers are up against is that of reducing production costs, and although it is not suggested that high wages cannot be associated with low manufacturing costs, it can be very definitely asserted that even the present liberal rates of wages—let alone higher rates—cannot be justified as long as they are associated with low rates of output. There is nothing new in this statement, and if it is repeated it is because it is the pivot on which everything else turns. What employers want, and what we believe the sane and honest worker desires, is that the principle of payment by results should be accepted. It is the only sensible plan on which the industrial problem of to-day can be solved. The old trade unionism which seeks to reduce every man's effort and incidentally his wages—for that is the ultimate result—to the level of general inefficiency, will not do in the present year of grace. It only stood the test in the old days, because the cost of living was low and restriction of output was not so regular a feature in industry as it is to-day. As a Home commentator says, the factory and workshop system has got to be reformed root and branch, and if this cannot be done without a conflict—that conflict will have to take place. It will be a thousand pities if industrial war is thrust upon the country, but it would almost seem as if nothing but a period of unemployment and an acquaintance with hard times would bring the extremists to their senses. If trades unionism cannot adapt its policy and constitution to meet the needs of the time it will have to go and be replaced by a sounder system of labour organisation.

We saw it stated in one of the Home papers the other day that exhaustive enquiries made up and down the country showed that a considerable body of the best workers only remain trade unionists from the fear of unemployment following their withdrawal. Whether that is so or not, it is impossible for us, so far away as we are from the centre of things, to ascertain. But we can well imagine that the saner workmen must realise that there is a limit to the concession of demands for more wages, and if the trade union movement is being directed by men who would paralyse industry and cause unemployment on a vast scale, then there might easily come a revolt on the part of a large body of workers who are prepared to give and take in a square deal with employers. Goodness knows that all classes of labour have immensely bettered their position since the war, even allowing for the increased cost of living. But the agitators appear to think that they can go on demanding and getting more on infinitum evidently forgetting, in their selfishness, the fact that every fresh concession adds to the burden for somebody else, and in the long run, for themselves as well.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

SOLDIERS AND EDUCATION.

The war brought many changes but it brought few more beneficial than the inauguration of a scheme for educational training in the British Army—a scheme which has been extended since the days of the armistice and which is destined to be of great practical value to the British soldier of to-day and the future. We have been fortunate in having an opportunity to peruse the latest Government report on this question in which the whole subject is most comprehensively reviewed and explained. How the scheme was inaugurated in a very humble way and what has been accomplished in the months succeeding the armistice is told in very official and matter-of-fact terms, but it is patent that a soldier's welfare is a great deal more in the minds of the country's high officials than ever it was. The work for the future is outlined, the courses of instruction are enumerated and the procedure to be followed for a man who wishes to take an Army Educational certificate is indicated. All manner of subjects can be taken by the serving soldier—in fact his army life could be made, apart from actual military training, a period of study to fit him for a much higher calling than is generally thought to be the lot of an ex-service man. The opinion of Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson is quoted in the Report, and he has said: "First of all we have to weave into the life of the soldier education. Secondly, we have to make a profession of arms and bring it close up to education, to modern thought and to modern science. If we have succeeded in doing that we shall have solved the last of the three problems—that when we soldiers and sailors and airmen hand you back our men into civil life we will hand you back not only good soldiers, sailors and airmen, but will hand you back good citizens." The present Minister of Education and others have added their eulogies to the scheme and the vital need now is for the Government to provide the necessary money to have the idea put into liberal practice. The danger is that there will not be allocated sufficient money to realise all the benefits intended, but there will, without question, be many greater advantages accruing to the soldier who has foresight enough to prepare for his eventual return to civil life. In Hongkong we shall soon have soldiers who are students also, and we hope that the local allocation of money for this purpose will be made ample enough to provide all that is desired.

A BETTER TRADE POSITION.

In spite of all the rumours of a coming trade depression at Home one cannot have read the latest returns issued at Home without realising that the Old Country is gradually getting back into its peacetime swing of industrial production. The figures cabled through by Reuters dealing with the trade for July and August show a marked improvement on anything that has transpired since the days of the signing of the armistice. Not only was there a remarkable shrinkage in the adverse balance of trade during July but in August the exports from the United Kingdom increased by an enormous figure, whilst imports only increased slightly in comparison—a good percentage of that increase being in the desired raw materials. Putting these facts together they spell greater surplus production by British workmen and the beginning of a renewed growth of Britain's foreign and colonial trade. Nothing could be more desirable at this juncture, for with the enormous debts incurred during the war to wipe off Britain must needs be a manufacturing and selling nation rather than a consuming and buying nation. The money we owe has to be earned—there is no other sane way of getting it. That is why it is so important that British houses abroad should concentrate in keeping the manufacturers at Home as busy as they can, and that is why we appealed a few nights ago for the concentrated co-operation of all British concerns in this British Colony. When it is possible to buy needed merchandise from Home it should be bought from there and not from another country. The Home demand is dying down and manufacturers are in a much better position to ship goods than they were a little while back. Unemployment and industrial disputes

DAY BY DAY.

THE VIRTUE OF JUSTICE CONSISTS IN MODERATION, AS REGULATED BY WISDOM.—Aristotle.

The Gazette publishes an amendment of the Cremation Regulations.

Monday and Tuesday, being the Jewish New Year, the local Jewish Offices will be closed.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. Arthur Dyer Ball to be Second Police Magistrate.

The following additional firm has been granted a licence to trade under the Non-Ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance, 1917:—T. Kawashima.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending 21st August, amounted to 94,317 tons and the sales during the period, to 70,189 tons.

It is notified for general information that His Honour the Chief Justice has ordered that the next Criminal Sessions shall be held on Monday, 20th September, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Second Lieutenant A. J. M. Weyman to be Lieutenant in Command of the Cadet Company, Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from the 1st September, 1920, vice Lieutenant A. O. Brown, resigned.

At the P. W. D. Offices on the 27th instant, Inland Lot 2311, Kennedy Town, is to be sold by auction. It comprises 3,200 square feet and the upset price is \$2,120. Kowloon Inland Lot 1400, Portland Street, is to be sold on the same date. Its area is 8,028 square feet and the upset price is \$4,516.80.

Shanghai papers announce the death of Mr. M. C. Clare, M.A., Headmaster of the Shanghai Jewish School. Mr. Clare had been in poor health for some time. The late Mr. Clare was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin. Prior to his going to Shanghai, Mr. Clare was in Macao and in St. Stephen's College, Hongkong. He was well-known at the Hongkong University and also did work during the late war in the Censor's Office at Hongkong.

The average mean temperature recorded at the Observatory during August was 81.7, the highest recorded being 89.6, on the 6th, and the lowest 74.1, on the 25th. There were 137.5 hours of sunshine and 10.97 inches of rain. The average humidity was 85. The rainfall for the month of August at the Botanical Gardens was 14.74 inches on 19 days, at the Matilda Hospital, Moon, Kellist, it was 8.93 inches on 22 days, and at the Police Station, Taiipo, it was 28.35 inches on 19 days.

The offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Long Vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturdays, when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon, subject, however, to the provisions of section 5 of the Supreme Court (Vacations) Ordinance, 1898, so far as it relates to the Criminal Sessions. The Long Vacation commences on the 20th instant and terminates on the 17th October, 1920, (both days inclusive).

would do incalculable harm just now. For that, if for no other reason, we do sincerely hope that the present coal crisis arising out of the demands of the miners will be satisfactorily settled before the country has been plunged into the vortex of a general strike. And Dr. Macnamara's appeal to the employers to provide employment for ex-service men should do much to relieve any growingly difficult situation in that respect. The manner in which British industry has absorbed over five million workers is little short of marvellous and the only way to avoid an acute industrial position is for the work shops of England to be kept busy. Britishers the world over can help do that and it should be their prime aim.

1895. HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEAR'S AGO.

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for week ending Sept. 12th, 1895.)

THE DOLLAR.

Sept. 12th.—The rate of the Dollar, on demand, to-day is 2s. 2-1/2d.

ST. PATRICK'S CLUB.

Sept. 12th.—A very pleasant concert was given in the St. Patrick's Club, near the Tram Station, last evening, in aid of the building fund of the Club, the Variety Company of the Royal Artillery rendering most able assistance.

THE POSTAL SYSTEM.

Sept. 12th.—There cannot be a second opinion on the point raised by our correspondent Mr. Ho Ansei, to the effect that unless a Post Union is arranged and established by the postal authorities of Hongkong with the Canton and Macao authorities undertaking to deliver all letters coming in and going out of the Colony at least quite as quick and safe as the Chinese post carriers as at present carried on, he thought it was but fair and desirable that the present system of letter carrying by Chinese post carriers to and from Canton and Macao should not be interfered with, and should be excepted from the exclusive privilege of the Postmaster General of Hongkong.

PUBLIC COMPETITION.

Sept. 14th.—We understand that His Excellency the Governor has determined to open to public competition the preparations of designs for the new public buildings. We are glad that it is to be so, if it is so. It is a great pity that he did not take the same view from the very beginning, a great pity that the meetings of the committee appointed to consider the question some time ago were not public, and their debates and proceedings published in the newspapers. Why cannot the public business of the Colony be conducted openly and publicly?

OUR FINANCES.

The Hongkong Treasury issued the following financial statement for the month of May, 1920:—

Balance of Assets	30th April 1920, \$5,583,612.18
Liabilities on	Revenue from 1st to 31st May 1920, 1,368,732.70
	6,952,344.88
Expenditure from 1st to 31st May, 1920, 1,101,786.37	
Balance.	\$5,850,558.51

THEATRICALS.

THE NEW BANDMAN COMEDY CO.

As already announced, the Bandman Comedy Company will commence a season here on Saturday, Sept. 18th. The visit of the Company will extend to about a fortnight.

The plays to be presented during the first week are Saturday, "Nothing but the Truth," Monday, "The Naughty Wife," Tuesday, "The Voice from the Minaret," Wednesday, "General Post," Thursday, "The Yellow Ticket," Friday, "Billeted," and Saturday, "Lord Richard in the Pantry." Booking plans will be open at Moutrie's from Monday.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the funds of the Hospitals:—

Sir Robert Ho Tung	\$100
Mr. Li Ping	100
Fruit & Vegetables Dealers Guild	100
Tang Man Tin	50
Tang Man Chin	50
Choy Yat Ho	50
Choy Wai Yau	50
Wo Fat Shing	50
Kao Ye Fong Theatre	50
Wo Ping Theatre	50
Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak	25
Mr. Lai Kwai Pui	25
Rudolf Wolf & Kew	10
Mr. C. H. W. Kew	10

SHIPPING NOTES.

(BY "NEPTUNE")

In their monthly report on the freight market, a local firm states that there has been a fair demand for tonnage to load paddy from Saigon to Penang and for rice from Saigon to Java at 50 cents per picul, but whilst British and Japanese owners were willing to accept this rate in both directions, charterers quietly filled all their requirements by several American Shipping Board steamers on terms which no local owners could afford to entertain considering the heavy disbursements they have to meet for these trips. Although the volume of business transacted during last month was somewhat larger than that of the preceding one, the rates obtained in all instances have been barely sufficient to cover running expenses. Coal freights from Hongkong continued to afford a temporary refuge for the numerous steamers free in Southern waters seeking immediate employment, and, in addition to this, a few rice freights from Saigon to the Philippines materially helped to relieve the acute situation. For a time local charterers were in the market with firm offers of 20 cents per picul for a very prompt steamer, but as this could not be secured they eventually filled their requirements in Saigon at 14 cents per picul. The highest offer placed in this market by Saigon charterers was on a lumpsum basis which worked out at about 15 cents per picul. Several Japanese steamers accepted salt in bulk from Tsingtau to Hongkong at \$4.50 per ton. The Chinese steamer Yue Ying was fixed locally from Nansha Bay to Canton at \$6.50 per ton. There is practically no demand for tonnage on time charter for the coasting trade. The time charter of the Portuguese steamship Sunkat has been extended for 65 days at the reduced rate of \$6,000 per month by Saigon rice millers.

During the last month there have been a few fixtures from Saigon to Hongkong, Saigon to Manila, Saigon to Penang, Saigon to Cebu and Saigon to Java. Saigon—Hongkong—The s.s. Phenomenon (29,000 piculs) and the s.s. Telemachus (34,000 piculs) at 20 cents per picul. Saigon—Java.—A United States Shipping Board vessel (1,000 to 2,000 tons) at 35 cents per picul, and another American steamer (several parcels of rice). For the carriage of salt there were chartered the Rynyu Maru (2,000 tons) at yen 6 per ton, Toshi Maru (1,650 tons) at \$4.50 per ton, the Unfuku Maru (1,700 tons) at \$4.50 per ton—all from Tsingtau to Hongkong—and the Yue Ying Wa (800 tons) from Nansha Bay to Canton. The s.s. Repara was chartered for five trips from Macao to Muntok (500 passengers) at \$22 per ton, and the s.s. Prometheus for the carriage of coal from Wakamatsu to Hongkong at yen 6 a ton. The s.s. Hwah Hing was chartered for a full cargo of sugar from Java to this Colony. The Alinga made a trip from Haiphong to Batavia at 75 cents per picul.

A new Chinese shipping company, having for its object and maintenance of a service between China and South America via Panama, is on the eve of being established, the company being promoted by the Chinese merchants in Peru and Chile. The name of the new concern will be the Chungshun Steamship Company. A representative of the Company has passed through Hongkong. His mission is to purchase three steamers of from 5,000 to 10,000 tons for his company.

In a previous budget I stated that, from advices sent out by Reuters, the Hongkong Mercantile Co., Ltd., intended purchasing a large fleet of wooden steamers from the Australian Government. The Times Trade Supplement published an interview which Mr. Blahop, the Sydney Manager of the Hongkong Mercantile Company, is supposed to have given the Times correspondent, in which it was stated that the Company had made arrangements to purchase the fleet of wooden ships that the Commonwealth possessed. This, I learn from the Hongkong Mercantile Company, is not at all correct. There is no intention on the part of the Com-

pany to enter the shipping trade, nor is it true that negotiations have been completed for the purchase of the wooden ships of the Australian Government. The dictum "Believe a quarter of what you hear and half of what you see and read" requires revisiting.

The waterside workers in Australia recently boycotted the P. and O. steamers consequent on the deportation in the P. and O. steamer Kyber of Father Jergar. The boycott was only withdrawn after the P. and O. Company explained that the Commonwealth Government requisitioned Father Jergar's passage in the Kyber without seeking the Company's consent.

As an example of how trade unionism vindicates itself, an interesting story is told of the P. and O. Narkunda, a large mail and passenger steamer. The Company's contractors were engaged in rectifying certain minor defects in the electric lighting and fans which had disclosed themselves during the vessel's first voyage, and also in fitting electric light in some new stowage quarters which had been built. The work was almost finished on July 8, and the steamer was scheduled to leave for India and Australia on the 9th with 650 first and second saloon passengers. The Company suggested that the trifling amount of work which had to be done should be finished, but this was negatived. The chief engineer said he would do what was necessary when the steamer got to sea with the ship's electricians, but as the vessel was sailing, intimation was given that if the remaining work was done on board all the vessel's electricians would be boycotted on their return. It does not require much imagination to conjure up the inconvenience and discomfort which will follow to the passengers and also to the stewards during the time the vessel is at sea through the non-rectification of these defects. A little thing like this does not trouble the conscience of the Trade Unions.

Are officers holding a foreign-going or home-trade master's certificate entitled to the rank of captain, when in command of a ship? This question has been agitating the Board of Trade and the Imperial Merchant Service Guild. During the war, it will be remembered, masters of merchant ship were referred to in the official London Gazette in the matter of war honours, etc., as captains, and the Guild recently asked the Board of Trade to regulate the question by obtaining an Order-in-Council to that effect. After lengthy correspondence, it has been settled that masters of the Mercantile Marine cannot be authoritatively entitled to rank and style themselves as Captains.

Next month twelve more United States Shipping Board vessels will be switched on the Far East. The Admiral Line will obtain five, the Pacific Mail Steamship Company five, and the Matson Line two. The vessels assigned to the Admiral Line are to sail from Seattle to Yokohama, and Hongkong. They will carry cargoes and passengers from the Atlantic to the Pacific on their maiden trips, and the ships will be delivered one a month. In addition to the five ships consigned to the Admiral Line, the latter are applying to the United States Shipping Board for more to ply between Puget Sound and Vladivostok. The plans of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company are not yet known, but it is expected that the vessels consigned to this steamship company will sail on the same route as the Admiral Line. The prospect for the development of trade in the Far East are wonderful, and within the next ten years the traffic between the United States and China and Japan will surpass our wildest dreams. The opportunities in this part of the world are immense, and the American steamship companies are making the most of them.

For the first quarter of this year, 899 ships passed through the Suez Canal, of 3,911,222 canal tons, of which the British were the largest, with 542 ships and 2,504,602 tons. It is a significant sign of the times that the Japanese came next with 92 ships of a tonnage of 333,577, the Dutch following with 66 ships of 232,131 tons.

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DEFENCE CORPS.

OFFICIAL APPEAL TO HONGKONG.

Not only members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps but the public generally will learn with interest that the Oversea Sub-Committee of the Committee of Imperial Defence made in January last some remarks on the Report of the Hongkong Defence Corps for the years 1918-1919 and that these remarks have now, by permission of the Secretary of State for the Colonies, been published in the Hongkong Government Gazette for general information.

The remarks state that "the last occasion on which the Oversea Defence Committee offered any remarks on the Hongkong Local Forces was in October, 1913, when the Report on the Hongkong Volunteer Corps for 1912-13 was before them. Since that date the war has intervened, and in September, 1917, the local forces of the Colony were reorganised as the Hongkong Defence Corps under the terms of the Military Service Ordinance, 1917. The total strength of the units comprising the new Corps was 826 of all ranks on the 31st March, 1919, and of this number 729 are classified as efficient in the Reports for the year now under review. That such a high percentage of efficiency is recorded cannot but be a matter for congratulation of all concerned, especially in view of the fact that the total strength of the force was on the 31st March, 1919, almost three times that of the Volunteer Force on the corresponding date in 1913.

"The Committee cannot allow the opportunity to pass without calling attention to the satisfaction with which they note not only this increase in numbers and efficiency, but also the valuable services which have been performed by the Local Forces of the Colony during the period which has elapsed since the issue of their last Remarks.

"Again, they hope that now the war is over, and that there is not the same inducement for men to interest themselves in military service, the efficiency of the Corps will not be allowed to deteriorate and that every possible effort will be made to keep up the spirit of keenness shown by all ranks during the emergency period, and to maintain an efficient force at the maximum strength practicable.

"In this connection they would point out that, in view of the increased obligations of the Imperial Government due to the war, even greater reliance than in the past will in the future have to be placed on Colonies to maintain their local forces at the maximum strength practicable so as to make it possible to reduce to a minimum the Imperial expenditure on garrisons and warships maintained overseas.

The Committee look with confidence, therefore, to the Hongkong Defence Corps to maintain so far as practicable in the future the high standard of efficiency which it has reached during the war.

INTERPORT LAWN BOWLS.

HONGKONG TEAM FOR SHANGHAI.

The following team has been selected to represent the Hongkong Lawn Bowls League in the Interport matches to be played this month at Shanghai, when it is expected that, as on the last occasion at Shanghai two years ago, a Hankow team will also be competing.

R. Lapsley (K.B.G.C.) skip
J. Muirhead (Taikoo) 1
A. G. Pile (K.C.C.) 2
P. T. Farrell (K.B.G.C.) 3
Mr. A. Simpson of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club goes North as reserve player and Mr. Farrell captain's the team.

The players are due in Shanghai by the 20th. They are equipped with the necessary Interport flags in silk, but have every intention of sticking to their number.

in musketry due to the exertions of Major Morgan, the Commandant. Your Excellency will no doubt regret with me that the move of the 18th Infantry up north deprived us of Major Morgan's valuable services. His undoubted success as a Commandant encourages me to recommend a continuance of the system under which he was appointed, if a suitable successor can be found in the garrison to replace him. I beg to endorse Major Morgan's commendation of Captain Stewart, the Adjutant.

In acknowledging the receipt of the Report, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, the then Officer Administering the Government, stated:—"I share your Excellency's regret at the loss of Major Morgan's services, as it is undoubtedly due in a large measure to his fine example of zeal and energy that the Corps has attained such a high level of efficiency especially in musketry. I am also in favour of a continuance of the system under which Major Morgan was appointed. I have read the commendation of Captain Stewart's work as Adjutant with much pleasure."

Later, when forwarding the Report to the Secretary of State, Mr. Severn stated:—"As a private in the Corps myself I can endorse, from personal experience, the high opinion formed by Major-General Ventris of Major Morgan's work as Administrative Commandant. The system under which a senior officer of the garrison is appointed to command the Defence Corps is a good one, but it is necessary to exercise great care in the selection of such an officer."

The Gazette also gives extracts from the Report of Major Morgan which show the strength of the Corps and details of efficiency. Major Morgan stated:—"This being my last report I would like to put on record the very valuable work done by my Adjutant, Captain G. E. Stewart, who has devoted all his spare time to military duties. His services have been invaluable. Lieutenant and Quartermaster W. Higby has again done his work to my entire satisfaction, and I wish to put on record my appreciation of his services. I could not possibly have had a more loyal or hard working lot of Officers, and the high state of efficiency is very largely due to their efforts."

Reports by Major Black, (the Medical Officer), Lieut.-Col. Passby (in Command of the Artillery) and Col. Young (in Command of the Engineers) are also given, the first stating that the health of the Corps had been fairly satisfactory, the other two reporting on the efficiency of the units.

HONGKONG BOY'S WILL.

DECISION OF SIX JUDGES UPSET.

Lords Haldane, Finlay, Cave, Dunedin, and Shaw on July 30 delivered judgment in the House of Lords in the case of Miss Catherine M'Coll, of Windsor Street, Glasgow, as executrix nominate under the will of the late Ian Neil Carmichael, v. Hugh Fletcher Carmichael, consulting engineer, Hongkong. The action was brought by the respondent for the purpose of asserting his right to the sum of £1,000 due under a policy of insurance granted by the English and Scottish Law Life Assurance Association over the life of his deceased son, Ian Neil Carmichael, the determination of the controversy depending upon whether the policy belonged to the father or to the son. When the son was under nine years of age the father took out a deferred policy on his life, himself paying the premiums, and he contends that the deceased could have acquired right to it only by donation from him. The boy came from Hongkong to Scotland when about eight years of age, where he spent a large part of his holidays with appellant, who is his mother's sister. At no time did the father, so it is stated, ever tell his son of the existence of the policy, or indeed, let it out of his own custody and control. But the son by some means became aware of its existence. Accordingly when he, about the end of 1915, and having attained the age of 21, wished to join the Royal Naval Air Service, he, without communicating with his father, made inquiries of the insurance company as to whether his joining that combatant force would affect their liability under the policy. He received an answer in the negative. He then executed a holograph settlement leaving all his property to his aunt. He met his death while on service at Southampton on July 20, 1916. The insurance company admit liability under the policy; but the question was whether the father or the aunt was entitled to the sum.

The Lord Ordinary (Lord Hunter) sustained the claim of the father, a decision which was upheld by no fewer than five of the seven Judges of the First Division of the Court of Session, so the aunt appealed to the House of Lords, where she was successful, for their Lordships were unanimous in allowing her appeal.

Lord Dunedin. The leading judgment—of considerable length—was delivered by Lord Dunedin, who pointed out that the expression "jus quæsitum tertio" was, in different cases and different circumstances, used in a varying sense, or, perhaps he might better say, was looked at from a different point of view. The one sense was meant when the question being considered was simply whether the tertius C had the right to sue A in respect of a contract made between A and B to which contract C was no party. The controversy then arose between C, who wished to sue, and A, who denied his title to do so. It was here that there was a sharp technical diversity between the laws of England and Scotland. In England, no matter how much the contract contained provisions for behoof of C, he could never sue at law. In equity he could sue, but he could only sue if, by the terms of the contract, he could successfully maintain that A was constituted a trustee in his favor. In Scotland, if the provision was expressed in favour of C, he could sue, and this was often designated by saying "he has a jus quæsitum tertio." Probably the reason of the difference lay in the simple fact that in Scotland, law and equity were never separate. Another familiar illustration of the same class of difference would be found in the right of an assignee in Scotland to sue in his own name, a right which at common law in England, apart from statute, he did not possess. But in all this class of cases the controversy was between A and C. B was either no longer existent or was, so far as he was concerned, quite willing that C should exact his rights.

Too Narrow a Point of View. The other sense of the expression was when the emphasis was, so to speak, on the quæsitum, and when the controversy arose not between C and A but between C and B. In such a case A was willing to perform his contract; and the contract in form provided that A should do something for C, but B, or appellant was in conflict with those who represented his estate, interfered, and said that B and not C was the true creditor in the stipulation. The present case was one of the latter category. It appeared to him that the learned Judges who formed the majority in the Court below had approached the question from too narrow a point of view when they treated it, as he had done, as one of donation and nothing else. He said "too narrow a point of view." He did not call it error. The wider, and, he thought the juster method of approaching the present question was to ask oneself whether, under all the circumstances, and in view of the terms of the document, there was created a jus quæsitum in the second sense in the person of the tertius, in this case the son. Having dealt with the opinion of Lord Shaw—a very great authority—and referred to a number of authorities extending over a large number of years, his Lordship said, taking all the circumstances together, he came to the conclusion that they had here the evidence necessary, when taken along with the terms of the document, to show that an irrevocable jus quæsitum was constituted in favour of Ian Carmichael; that the proceeds of the policy which fell to be paid to his executors truly belonged to them; and that therefore the present appeal should be allowed, the interlocutors appealed against reversed, and the case remitted to the Court of Session to sustain the claim of Miss M'Coll and rank and prefer her to the fund in medio.

Lord Finlay. Lord Finlay (who presided), said he had had the advantage of reading the judgment prepared by Lord Dunedin and that he dealt so completely with the case that it was unnecessary for him to say anything except that he agreed with it. He was authorised to say that Lords Haldane and Cave also concurred.

Lord Shaw. Lord Shaw said he thought that any judgment in this appeal to be

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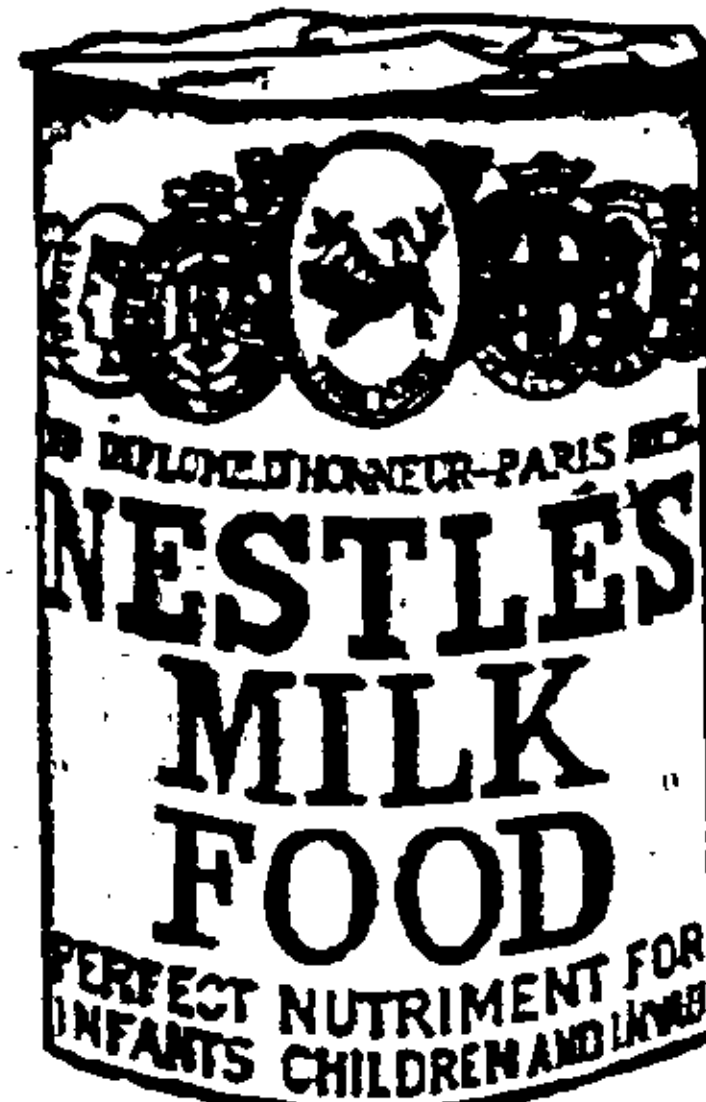
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provided that A should do something for C, but B, or appellant was in conflict with those who represented his estate, interfered, and said that B and not C was the true creditor in the stipulation. The present case was one of the latter category. It appeared to him that the learned Judges who formed the majority in the Court below had approached the question from too narrow a point of view when they treated it, as he had done, as one of donation and nothing else. He said "too narrow a point of view." He did not call it error. The wider, and, he thought the juster method of approaching the present question was to ask oneself whether, under all the circumstances, and in view of the terms of the document, there was created a jus quæsitum in the second sense in the person of the tertius, in this case the son. Having dealt with the opinion of Lord Shaw—a very great authority—and referred to a number of authorities extending over a large number of years, his Lordship said, taking all the circumstances together, he came to the conclusion that they had here the evidence necessary, when taken along with the terms of the document, to show that an irrevocable jus quæsitum was constituted in favour of Ian Carmichael; that the proceeds of the policy which fell to be paid to his executors truly belonged to them; and that therefore the present appeal should be allowed, the interlocutors appealed against reversed, and the case remitted to the Court of Session to sustain the claim of Miss M'Coll and rank and prefer her to the fund in medio.

In the result, therefore, Miss M'Coll was successful in her appeal by the unanimous opinion of the House, and was awarded costs both in the Inner House and in the House of Lords. Among the large number of authorities dealt with by Lord Dunedin were Finnie, M'Queen, Henderson v. Stubbs; Love, Jamieson v. M'Leod; Crosby's Trustees v. Wright, Hedden, Jarvie, Gordon v. McCulloch (1771); Nimmo, Ogilvie, Stoneheaver (1706); Renton, Irvine, etc. While dealing at length with Lord Stair's dictum, his Lordship said perhaps some ambiguity arose from Lord Stair putting his sentence partly in Latin and partly in English. If he had followed "est jus quæsitum tertio" by "quod non revocari potest" the sentence might grammatically have read as Lord Ardmillan wished it.

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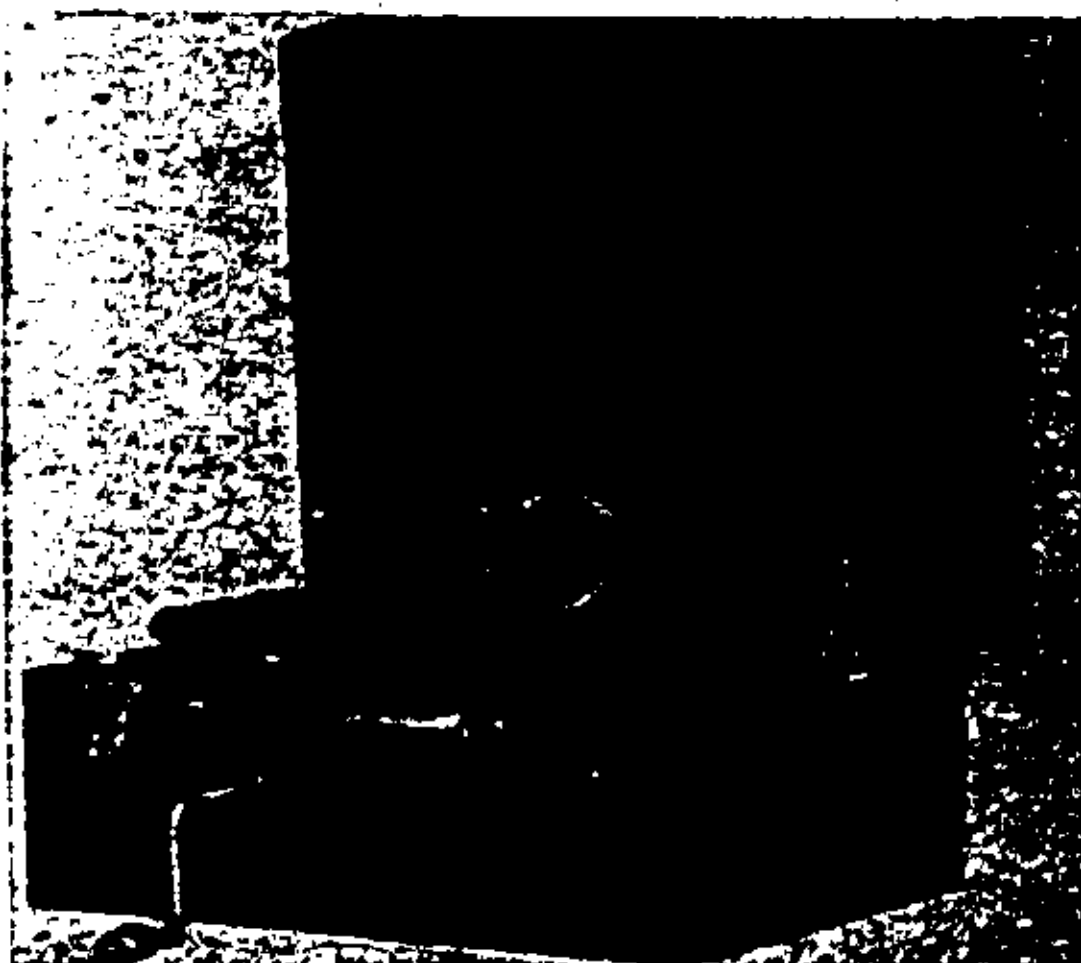
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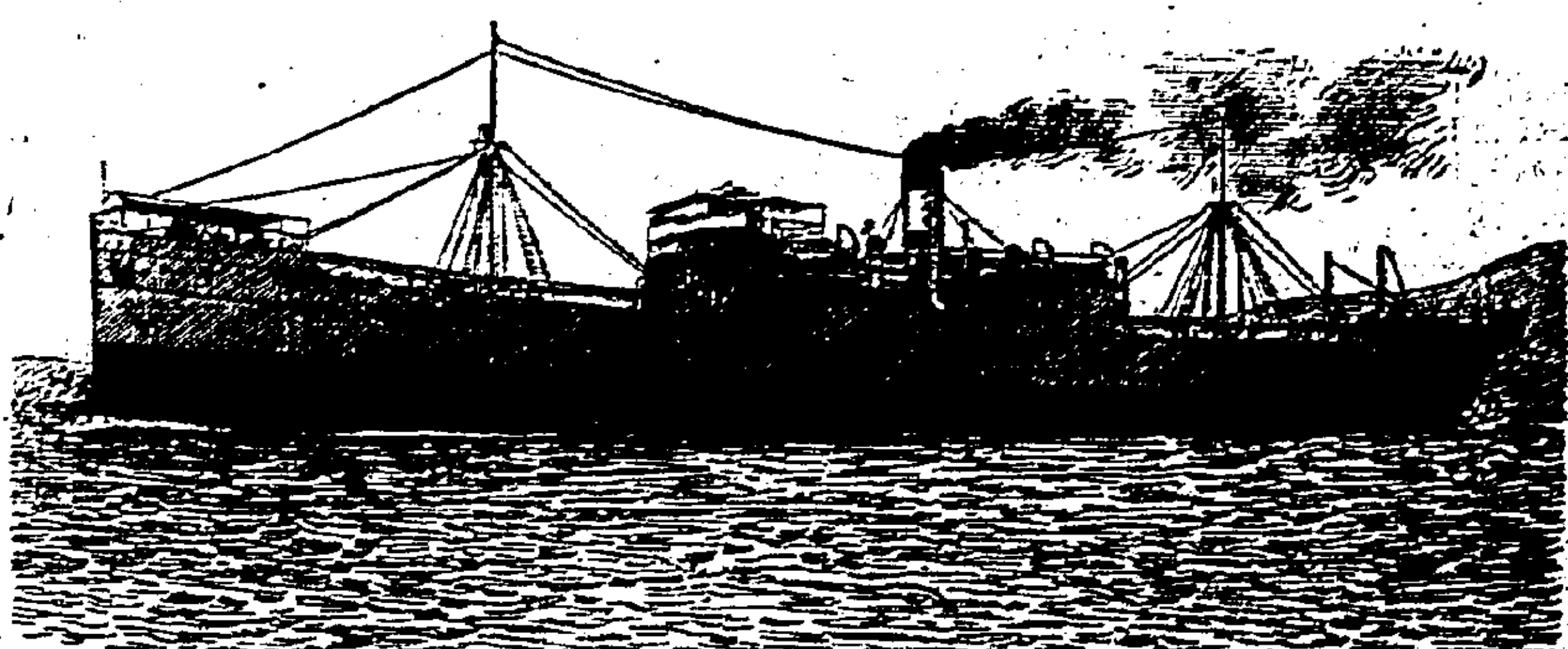
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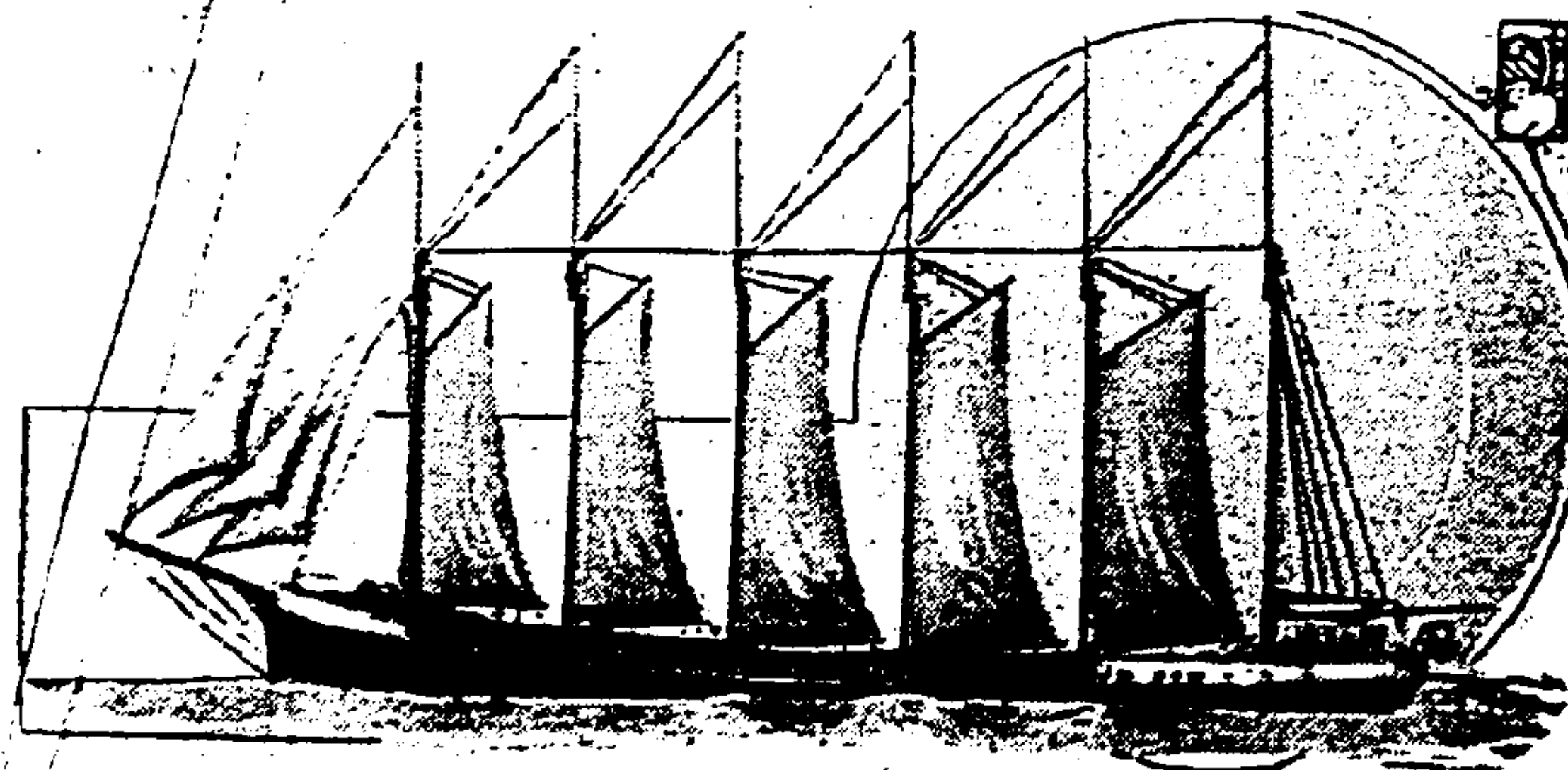
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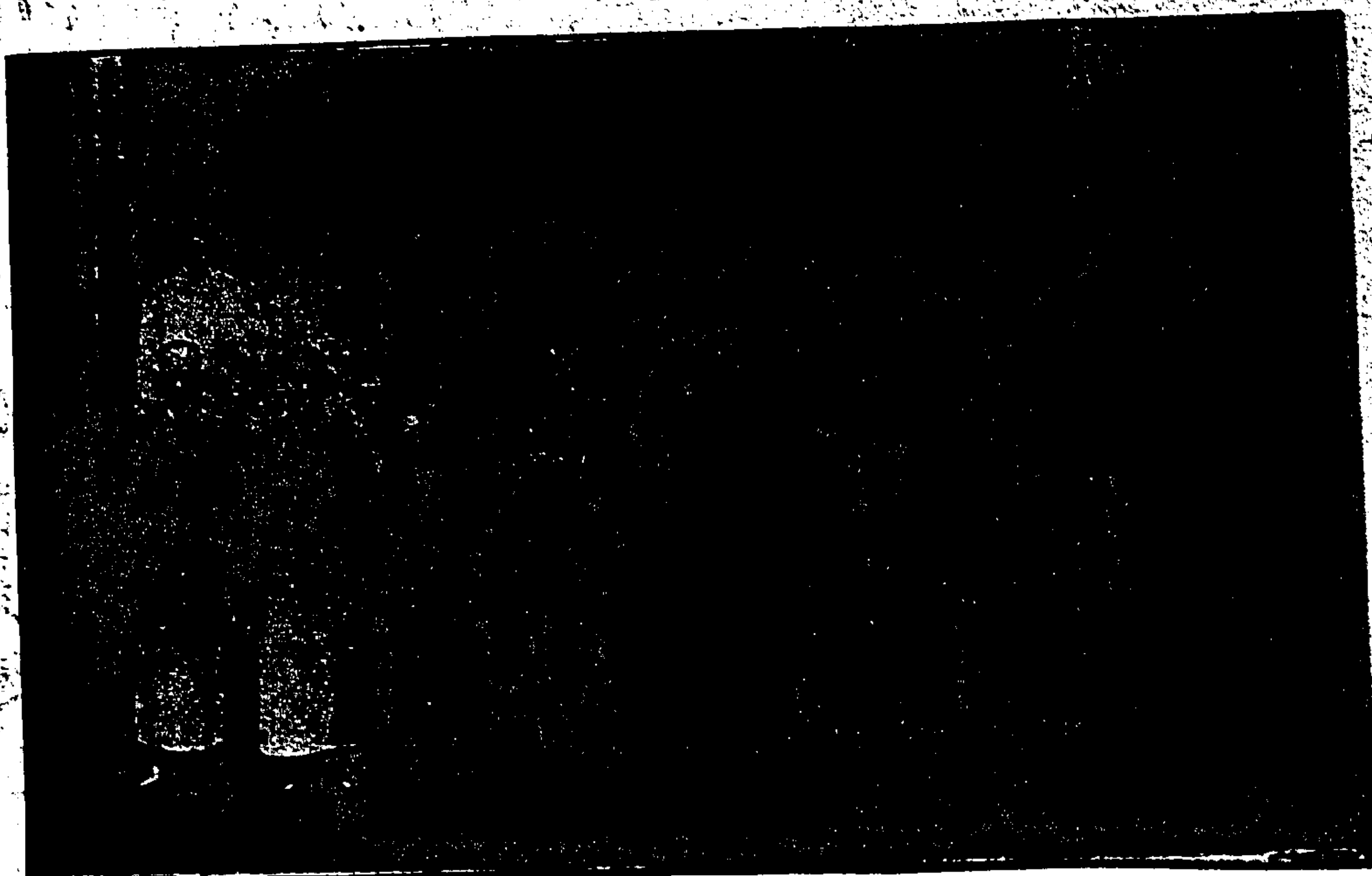


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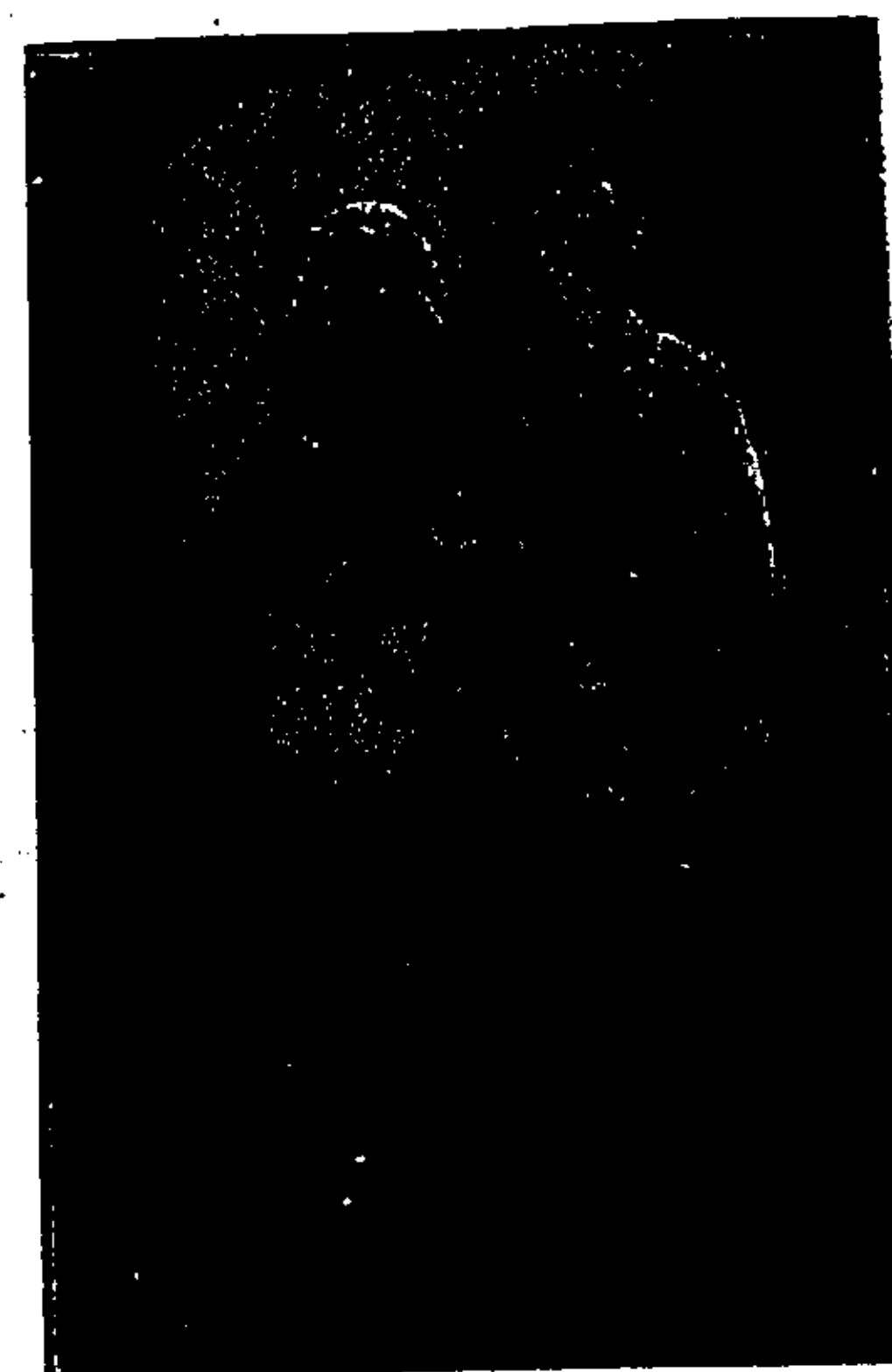


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